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Subject:

Docket No. 2013-275-WS

Ms. Boyd,

I believe you are in receipt of a communication from Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni titled "Carolina Water Service's Response to Motion to Reconsider of Donald G. Long"... This note is in regard to that communication...

With respect to Mr. Terreni's contentions:

- 1. I had sent a letter to the PSC on October 10, 2013 regarding the Notice of Filing and Hearing in the subject docket, which Notice was received by the public on various dates in early October, 2013... In this letter, I made several requests, asked some questions, and made some comments regarding the content and form of the Notice...
- 2. The PSC responded with Order No. 2013-773, dated October 23, 2013, which took various actions regarding points raised in my October 10 letter...
- 3. On November 14, 2013, I sent an additional letter responding to the actions of the PSC reflected in Order No. 2013-773... In this letter, I indicated disappointment with the PSC's 10/23 responses... Other than granting my request for a night hearing in Lake Wylie, which is very much appreciated, and making minor note of the blatant advertising nature of the Utilities, Inc. letter which covered the Notice of Filing and Hearing, the remaining issues were either effectively ignored or misinterpreted...
- 4. Mr. Terreni contends that the PSC's Order "addressed all of the issues and concerns raised by Mr. Long"..."in a complete and equitable fashion"... While this is a very ingratiating comment, I completely disagree with it... Thus my letter of response dated November 14, 2013 mentioned above...
- 5. Mr. Terreni contends that I should be denied the status of Intervenor because I didn't take an action to "clarify" that status... Yet, based on my original October 10, 2013 letter, I had been granted that status by a letter from the PSC dated October 15, 2013 signed by Daphne B. Duke on behalf of the PSC... So what was or is to be "clarified" ??... I had not and have not received any communication from the PSC withdrawing the status of Intervenor and Party of Record which were granted by the 10/15 letter...
- 6. Mr. Terreni says that he understands the "gravamen" of my request to be my desire to testify for more that the regularly allotted time for public comments, "which has typically been three minutes"... It's true that the amount of time being allotted for individual comments at the Hearing is, in my opinion, a significant issue... But I am not asking for, nor do I wish, special treatment... And, the time typically allotted has usually been more than three minutes... At the last hearing in Lake Wylie in 2011, the time was five minutes and was used only as a guide and not enforced... In the current matter, the time limit was not mentioned at all in the original Notice of Filing and Hearing and, in fact, it was implied that a member of the public desiring to testify could specify the amount of time they would require...

If the PSC does not have time to hear the public, then why bother with a "Public Hearing"... Three minutes is an unreasonably short period for meaningful comment... This is particularly true when members of the public have taken the time and effort necessary to understand and carefully analyze the Application for Adjustment of Rates filed by CWS along with the many pages of pre-filed testimony provided by CWS... Of course, this cutting down of public time is of advantage to CWS since, given the time limits, nothing of any significance can be brought forth in the Public Hearing in opposition to their application... And the PSC can get its required checkmark for having a hearing even though not much was heard...

Thank you for your attention and consideration...

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